tent firing for the last two months in the Poonch and Rajouri Sectors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there have been many cases of violation of Indian airspace by Pakistan planes; and

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest in this regard and what measures are also being taken in view of the provocative attitude of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH); (a) There have been some cases of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops in the Poonch sector during the last two months. However, there has been no firing incident in the Rajouri Sector in this period.

(b) There have been some cases of violation of Indian air space by Pakistani aircraft during the same period.

(c) Firing incidents are sought to be resolved bilaterally in flag meetings between local commanders. Protests have been lodged with Pakistan regarding air violations. Our Armed Forces are ever vigilant to counter any threat to the security of the country.

Increase in border clashes with Pakistan

1196. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incident of border clashes and exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops have increased this year as compared to that in the previous year;

(b) if so, what is the number of casualties in each case; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to check such activities from across the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been some increase this year in the incidents of exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops across the Line of Control in J&K as compared to the previous year. Casualties have been minimal and it would not be desirable to disclose details.

(c) Flag meetings are held at the local commanders* level to sort out problems arising out of such incidents.

1196. [Transjerded *to* the 8th *December,* 1985].

Poverty line

1197. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR! REDDY; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any proposal to raise the minimum monthly income level per household to determine the poverty line;

(b) if so, what are the details in* this regard; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The poverty cut-off point is estimated on the basis of stipulated minimum calorie requirements per capita and they have not been changed from the Sixth Plan level. However, the money expenditure per household needed for meeting these calorie requirements has been revised upwards, taking into consideration the rise in the price of consumption goods over the Sixth Plan period.